

In the Specification:

Replace paragraph [0036] at page 12, lines 1-12 with the following amended paragraph:

[0036] At a subsequent time, the partition 116 may no longer need the resources of cell 104D. If this occurs, cell 104D can be removed from the partition 116. Cell 104D can receive an instruction to remove itself from the partition (STEP 1140). Cell 104D is removed from the partition (STEP 1150). In order to update the route enable masks 144 of the routing device 112, cell 104D should be transitioned to the secure security state. This transition can be accomplished in many ways. For example, cell 104D can be rebooted (STEP 1160). Alternatively, cell 104D can execute a transition routine stored in secure, authenticated memory or cell 104D can receive ~~and an interrupt or directive instruction~~ instructing cell 104 to execute a routine stored in secure, authenticated memory. After cell 104D transitions to the secure security status, cell 104D can update the route enable masks 144 associated with each port of the routing device ~~144~~ 112. Cell 104D does not have to update the route enable masks 144, because it is operating in the secure mode.